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2002 Drunk & Drugged Driving (3D) Prevention Month IMPAIRED DRIVING FACTS & FIGURES

National 2001 Crash Statistics *

16,652 people were killed and **281,000** people were injured in alcohol-related crashes nationwide.

The rate of alcohol-related deaths in 2001 remained at **0.63** per 100 million VMT (vehicle miles traveled).

Last year alcohol was involved in **40 percent** of all fatal crashes.

The number of persons injured in alcohol related crashes **declined** by more than **nine percent**.

Approximately **three** in every **10** Americans will be involved in an alcohol-related crash during their lifetime.

California 2001 Crash Statistics**

1,308 people were killed and **31,806** were injured in alcohol-related crashes in California.

Alcohol involved traffic fatalities increased **six percent** in 2001— the third consecutive increase after more than a decade of decline.

There were **1,171** alcohol-involved fatal collisions and **20,662** alcohol-involved injury collisions statewide.

DUI arrests in California decreased by **2.7 percent** in 2001.

The average age of an arrested DUI offender was **33.5** years of age.

September 12, 2000, marked the first day California was without a traffic fatality since May 1, 1991.

**National statistics are based on FARS 2001 Early Assessment of Motor Vehicle Crashes, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).*

***California statistics are based on California Highway Patrol 2001 provisional data and Department of Motor Vehicles 2002-DUI MIS Report.*